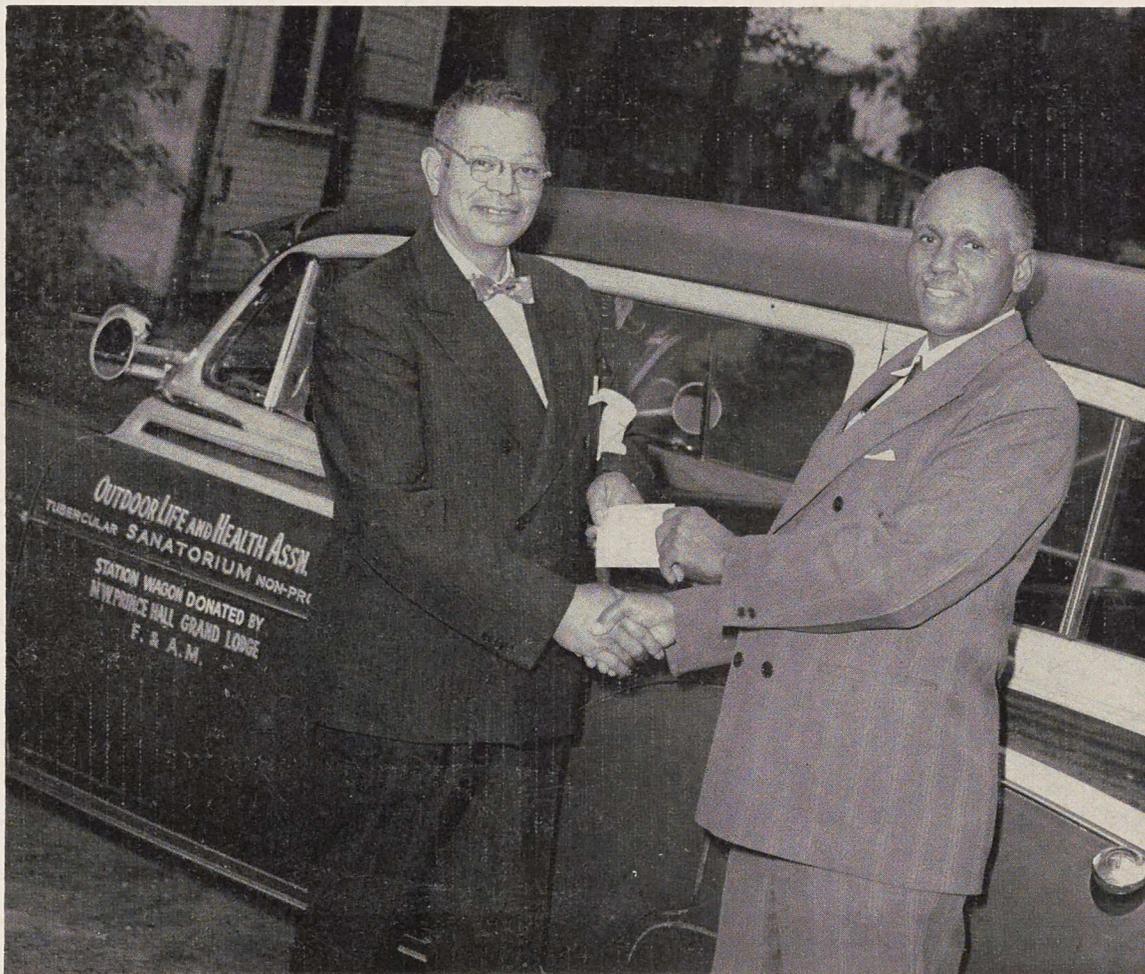


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No.	LODGE	CITY	MEETING HALL	MEETS	SECRETARY'S NAME	ADDRESS AND ZONE	MASTER
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5.	King Solomon	Fresno	2112 Coluine St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Carl Scholars	1014 Arlington Street	Vere McGaughy
6.	Acacia	Oakland	925 30th St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	Wm. L. Hill, Sr.	935 Arlington (8)	Carol S. M. Gane
7.	Fidelity	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Walter R. Norwood	2158 W. 29th Place (18)	Elisworth C. Harris
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9.	Hiram	Pasadena	1660 Chester Avenue	1st & 3rd Wed.	Albert H. Drisdon	1103 1/2 Street	Louis Whitfield
10.	Orange Valley	Riverside	1475 Lincoln Ave.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Charles E. Hatton	873 Sunset Avenue	Robert W. Ford
11.	Keystone	Stockton	2935 12th Street	2nd & 4th Fri.	E. D. Streeter	4495 Clove Avenue	Frank M. Beverley
12.	R. C. Marshall	San Jose	234 E. Fremont St.	1st & 3rd Thurs.	Robert E. Mitchell	2472 E. Lafayette St.	Claude M. Statum
13.	Prince Hall	San Bernardino	322 N. Market Street	3rd Tues.	Harold B. Jordan	462 1/2 11th Street	Wilbert Lawton
14.	Crescent Bay	Los Angeles	733 1st Street	1st Fri.	J. W. Lee	661 Street	Willie Byas
15.	Holland	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	W. C. Faulkner	1603 E. 49th St. (11)	Kenneth Levy
16.	Delta	Los Angeles	1720 Broadway	1st & 3rd Wed.	LeVert M. Payne	2051 Virginia	Robert W. Brown
17.	Unity	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	1st & 3rd Mon.	L. G. Dandridge	1972 Santa Ana Blvd. (57)	Joseph E. Dow
18.	Excelsior	Santa Barbara	1050 E. 50th St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	W. E. Leonard	1776 W. 35th St. (18)	Lawrence Cosy Jr.
19.	Jewel	Portland, Ore.	Olive and Haley St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	James C. Lewis	22 E. Gutierrez St.	James H. Merritt
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24.	Pride of the West	Vallejo	1209 Georgia St.	1st & 3rd Fri.	Pepe Williams	1147 Louisiana St.	Frank Boone
25.	Douglass	Oakland	1401 E. 6th Street	2nd & 4th Tues.	S. H. White	152 Orange Ave.	B. J. Solomon Jr.
26.	Ashler	McCloud	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Nathan Hardy	845 Brockhurst	Jacob Davis
27.	West Gate	Los Angeles	McCloud Lodge Hall	1st & 3rd Fri.	Eljan Anderson	P. O. Box 667	Ezell Hilliard
28.	Landmark	Oakland	7901 S. Central	2nd & 4th Mon.	F. S. Stanley	1302 E. 48th Place (11)	Michael Curtis
29.	Superior	Ashler	York & Willard Sts.	2nd & 4th Mon.	M. Garner	5240 Jefferson, Apt. 1-B	Walter Freeman
30.	Community	Oakland	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Rayfield Crowder	2417 5th St., Berkeley 2	Alvin K. Thompson
31.	East Gate	Blythe	1st and Rice Street	2nd & 4th Tues.	Frank Adams	Rt. 1 Box 140-B	Will Ector
32.	Community	Palo Alto	245 E. Huntington Dr.	1st & 3rd Mon.	Rev. A. Davis	Box 115, Duarte, Calif.	O. P. Price
33.	Garrison	Berkeley	1660 Chester Avenue	1st & 3rd Wed.	Robert Greene	601 E. 10th St.	Alfred Saunders
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35.	Amicus	Tulare	3138 Grove St.	2nd & 4th Mon.	Stephen A. Ross	2239 W. 29th St. (18)	Theodore Lewis
36.	Thos. Waller	Vallejo	117 1/2 E. Main St. (Visalia)	1st & 3rd Tues.	St. James A. Firms	598 Lily Street	Edward A. McCoy
37.	Guardian	Los Angeles	1209 Georgia	2nd Wed.	Otis Stroughter	Box 1102, Tulare, Calif.	Clarence Lucas
38.	Puuloa	Los Angeles	1050 E. 50th St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Paul L. Howard	1722 Ward St., Berkeley	Mariano Espanol
39.	Civic Center	Honolulu, T. H.	1050 E. 50th St.	1st & 3rd Wed. at Noon	Liberty Johnson	1405 E. 92nd St. (2)	Charles T. Payne
40.	Friendship	Los Angeles	1167 Adams Lane	2nd Thurs. & 4th Tues.	Ambrose M. Costa	843 E. 94th Street	Lucious L. Robinson
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42.	Wm. Nickerson, Jr.	Stockton	American & Market	2nd & 4th Tues.	Nathaniel Mealy	3525 7th Avenue	Junior Beane
43.	Western Knights	Los Angeles	Normandy & Jefferson	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Sergio Rabanal	1133 1/2 Street	George H. Wilson
44.	Gibraltar	Berkeley	Normandy & Jefferson	2nd & 4th Thurs.	John L. Thompson	Rt. 2, Box 415-B, Acampo, Calif.	Jack Romano
45.	Highland Heights	San Diego	3138 Grove St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Commodore Wynne	3629 S. Arlington (18)	Domiel Duddy
46.	Fred C. Brooks	Oakland	925 30th St.	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Royal E. Towns	1640 E. 46th Street	Phillip Vaughn
47.	Harmony	Oakland	1209 1/2 S. Central Ave.	2nd & 4th Fri.	Calvin Edwards, Jr.	718 35th St., Oakland (9)	Theodore R. Hardeman
48.	Philip Buchanan	Sacramento	1,000 F. Hall, 9th and K St.	2nd & 4th Tues.	Joseph Miller	423 Dodson Street	McKinley K. Reeves
49.	Bay View	Oakland	761 12th Street	2nd & 4th Wed.	Jerry E. Dixon	245 E. 47th St. (11)	Carl Bohannan, Jr.
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56.	Monument	Oakland	1209 1/2 S. Central Ave.	1st Sat; 3rd Mon.	George A. Williams	1201-6th St.	Otto Fields
57.	Rising Sun	Santa Monica	B'Nai B'rith Hall	1st & 3rd Mon.	Freddie D. Jenkins	Box 657, Chowchilla	James Melton
58.			California Hall	1st & 3rd Tues.	Samuel Cox	2826 Palm Grove Ave. (16)	John Narcisse
59.			1,000 F. Hall	1st & 3rd Mon.	Urbano Tejo	12015 Behaven (59)	William H. Davis
60.			1,000 F. Hall	1st & 3rd Tues.	Jas. R. Campbell	1127 E. 48th St. (11)	Norton T. Mason
61.			1720 Broadway	1st Saturday	Lawrence Petty	Rt. 3, Box 916, Fontana	Truett Spigner
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LIFE BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES OF PRINCE HALL

By NORMAN C. DUTT, CGM, USN

"The famous man that I am to speak to you about today was named Prince Hall. It is also significant that this year we also honored the 200th anniversary of the birth of the magnificent George Washington who himself was a Freemason. Prince Hall served in the Continental Army under the command of that illustrious General. He served two terms as a short-time volunteer. Prince Hall—and that was his name—many people are surprised to learn that that was his real name—was the son of Thomas Prince Hall and was born September 12, 1748 in Bridgetown, Barbados, British West Indies. On the back of your program which your chairman and committee have drawn up so admirably you will find there an outline which embodies the main points of this lecture. His mother was of free French descent and he probably inherited a great many physical characteristics from her. He was of fair color. He was only five feet nine inches—very slight. His features were somewhat feminine in character. He had an aquiline nose. He was one of those men, who in the course of years, pulled himself up by his bootstraps. By self-study he became the man he was.

He was apprenticed at the age of 12 years to the leather industry, by his father. After a few years he decided that that was not for him because the results were not very gratifying. So he secured what was known at that particular time as a "working passage" to the city of Boston, Massachusetts when he was 17

years of age. After eight years of frugal saving, and night study, he became a shareholder in a freehold and a voter. By his night study he became converted into the Methodist Church. In 1774 he was ordained as a clergyman to administer to the colored people of Boston, Massachusetts. Over a period of years he left behind a Letterbook, and that Letterbook shows the improvements of the man and how he studied. Each letter which he pondered over, then wrote afterwards shows a distinct improvement over the former.

Prince Hall became an outstanding Chef and caterer,—and a Purveyor of Foodstuffs. Written testimony exists to this day in the City of Boston, testifying to the well-known cuisine of one Prince Hall. Prince Hall was twice married. His first wife died when she was about twenty-four years of age. Her name was Sarah Revere. She is buried in the same burial ground with Prince Hall. His second wife, Phoebe Banker— not much is known about her, but it is known that she was alive as late as the year 1813.

Prince Hall volunteered his services first in 1776 to the Continental Army and served a term of eight months. His second "hitch" as the Army phraseology is called, was for about nine months in 1778. And due credit is given Prince Hall for the improvements in the Commissary Department because he was known as a "perfectionist."

Prince Hall fought for the emancipation of the colored people in Bos-

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PRINCE HALL MASONS PLEDGE TO THIS COMMUNITY

WALTER C. TAYLOR,
R. W. Grand Lecturer

Our honored guest, Mr. Norman C. Dutt, has reviewed with credit the "Life, Background and Activities of Prince Hall, founder of Freemasonry Among Negroes in America," and today we are proud to assemble here by Proclamation of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Starling J. Hopkins, on Sunday nearest to his birthday, to honor our Brother, a Christian, a Mason, a citizen in the service of his county and community.

We pledge to you to keep the faith and continue to practice the leading objects of our institution; to inculcate sound morality; to make men honest and upright, true to their God, faithful to their country while united in the strong bonds of Charity, Friendship and Brotherly Love.

The uninitiated judge Masonry by the conduct of its individual members. Therefore, it is constantly borne in mind that the respectability and usefulness of our Lodges consists in the character of its members, and not in the numbers.

Let us therefore, Brethren, carefully guard our every thought, think before speaking; seriously consider the best course of action, that every unqualified and unworthy thought, word, and deed be excluded from within our consciences to void of offense toward God, and mankind.

Masonry is like the feast prepared for the honored guest. We partake of this great institution of learning ac-

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Clock Strikes A Century For Masons of Illinois

One hundred years of service is a record for organizations to boast. Yet, as an arm of a national group, Prince Hall Masons in Illinois have written a remarkable story which they read this year with pride as the clock strikes a century for them.

Such was the backdrop for the recent 86th gathering of the Prince Hall F. & A. M. communication at the 178th R.O.T.C. Armory in Chicago. The group traces its origin to North Star Lodge No. 1, which was founded in 1852 by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The sessions were attended by visiting Grand Masters of six other Prince Hall Masonic Frand Lodges, including: Amos T. Hall, Oklahoma; John W. Dobbs, Georgia; David L. Muckle, Virginia; Wm. O. Greene, Michigan; Arthur T. Tidings, New York; and Fred W. Hickman of Wisconsin.

Election results as follows:

Ashby B. Carter, Grand Master; Dr. F. C. Rogan, Deputy Grand Master; Prof. J. G. Hopkins, G.S.W.; Atty. Benjamin J. Clanton, G.J.W.; Master in Chancery George A. Cross, Grand Treasurer; J. Harold White, Grand Secretary; O. Stanton De Priest, Grand Lecturer. Grand Auditors—Geo. M. Crissup, Harry Wilson, and Geo. A. Taylor. Grand Trustees—Dr. John C. Ellis, Ernest C. Ellis, Ernest E. Caldwell, Richard R. Edwards, and Barney B. Goldsmith.

Peoria, Illinois will be the convention place of the 1953 conclave.

THE POWER AND SCOPE OF MUSIC

By WM. H. Davis 32°
Grand Organist

Among the distinguished arts in the world, and one of the choicest of the fine arts in the estimation of Masons, is MUSIC whose "concord of sweet sounds" and artistic beauties contribute much to the union of friendship and mutual love. If there is any doubt concerning the public, general or common wealth of music, let your mind wander a bit with me in an attempt to uncover some of the powers that music manifest over a community, state or society.

From the earliest stage of human life the lullaby is heard, sung by the mother, to soothe and quiet the infant child. This little one knows nothing at all about CONSONANCE and DISONANCE, but the resonant tones falling upon its ear has a tendency which causes the baby to take

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Grand Lecturers, Grand Inspectors, Education Directors, Youth Movement and G. L. Officers Meet

On Saturday morning, September 20th, 1952, a conference was called to order in the Masonic Temple at 925 - 30th Street, Oakland, California, for the purpose of seeking "Uniformity in our Masonic Teachings."

Grand Lecturer Walter C. Taylor presided with Adrian C. Bridges acting Secretary.

The program began with devotionals and a song by Inspector No. 1, Bro. T. A. Satchell.

Roll of officials attending called and introductions were made with remarks by R. W. Walter Taylor, Grand Lecturer, acting as coordinator.

Report of the Youth Fraternity by John A. Cravanas (North) and Randolph Williams (South) was presented. They asked for the cooperation of all Lodges and their members in assisting them to put over a program acceptable to the youth of today. Two very intelligent papers were presented telling of the facts found in getting the members interested in this very important work.

Department of Education reports were presented by Wm. H. Brooks (South), and Luther Johnson (North), showing their aims and what they hoped to accomplish by uniform efforts to get more Masonic Education to the membership by an outlined program.

The work of the Inspector at Work was ably given by Inspector Lee of District No. 3. His was an oral report, but had it been in writing it surely would have been an outstanding paper. He stressed the duties, activities and routine of an inspector, the points he should observe and how to make proper instructions was explained in simple but effective language that all could understand and put into action with pride to the fraternity.

Brother Frank Boone, Inspector of District No. 7, said he wasn't prepared to tell of the floor work and furnishing but he did a very capable job in bringing out from those present the information long sought.

Brother W. L. Garner, Inspector District No. 6, spoke on the Uniformity in the Three Symbolic Degrees, a very enlightening subject which he did a very excellent job.

Discussion on the Instructions regarding Funerals was held and in roundtable form. Each bringing out the work as laid down and asking questions regarding any phase that was misunderstood.

Uniformity through Public Relations was the subject of the Director of Public Relations Royal E. Towns,

who presented the fifth consecutive copy of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest to the members present, just off the press. Among the points brought out were of importance to all. "News," he stated, "should be sent in from each corner of our jurisdiction, foreign news from those recipients of the Digest, who feel that we could learn just what is going on in any section of the Masonic World." He appealed to Inspectors to get busy, to notify Secretaries, fellow Grand Officers to contribute articles they think of interest to his office, immediately after the event occurs, so that the Jurisdiction may know what is transpiring currently, not historically.

Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins summed up the entire procedure, making references to all of the papers presented, adding the necessary punch where speeches lacked fundamental strength and congratulating the group on their work, but admonishing all to have their work in writing so that it could be printed in our magazine in the future.

Announcements were made regarding the Constitution of New Lodges at Fontana and at Woodland, California.

The meeting was closed by R. W. T. A. Satchell who offered the benediction.

A fine repast was served by Grand Lecturer Walter Taylor.

Grand Lodge Officers, other than those named previously in this article, were Deputy Grand Master Raymond Hunter, Crawford Johnson, Robert Brown, Harold Mitchell, Holland W. Campbell, Louis Jones, Chester Lockhart, Milton Simon, Robert Poole, A. C. Bridges, Grand Junior Warden E. Al Fulcher, Roy E. Treece, Charles Robinson, Alonzo Mansfield, Marion Scott, James D. Life, James McKnight, De Witt Freeman, and Jerome Hubert, Chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Master Hopkins called three conferences of Masters and Secretaries, one for Northern California naming Grand Junior Warden Al Fulcher to act as co-ordinator, one for Central California with Grand Deputy Grand Master Raymond Hunter to act as co-ordinator and one in Southern California with Grand Senior Warden Herbert Greenwood as coordinator. The meetings to be set at the will and pleasure of the coordinators. The Northern California Conference of Masters and Secretaries will be held at the Masonic Temple, 923 - 30th Street, Saturday, January 31st at 10:00 a.m. The theme of the Conferences will be "Cooperating together as a unit."

GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING

The meeting of the Grand Trustees called to order by the Chairman M. Earl Grant at Los Angeles, California, November 1, 1952 at 10:25 a.m. with the following members present: M. Earl Grant, Chairman, W. C. Faulkner, Secretary; L. G. Dandridge, Roy E. Treece, J. L. Taylor, Mack Bufford, Dubois McGee, Royal E. Towns, Chairman of Public Relations. Arriving late, Grand Master Sterling J. Hopkins, P.G.M. Theodore Moss and Ray Hunter.

Minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting read and after a brief discussion, accepted as read.

Discussion on a donation to the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P. brought out a point that since \$500.00 had been sent to the New York Headquarters to be used for all branches the Trustees could not donate to any local branch.

A letter was read from the Prince Hall Holding Board stating that a Committee would appear in person to discuss the evident indebtedness to the Grand Lodge. A committee consisting of Brothers George Bryant, George Fitzgerald and William Henry stated that the Holding Board would like to have some documentary evidence of the debt to the Grand Lodge. Secretary was ordered to send in a letter from the Trustee Board with the information desired.

The committee on Scholarship granted the request of Miss Lois Williams to start her scholarship in the February semester and the amount of \$150.00 will be sent to the school of her choice. A letter received from Brother McDonald (10) re-submitting the application of Miss Betty Andrews. This letter will be turned over to the Scholarship Committee at the proper time.

The committee appointed to appraise the property in Berkeley for East Gate Lodge (44) reported. Brother Taylor appraised the property at \$8,000.00, stating that it was a good investment. This matter was discussed by all members present and a motion by Grand Master Hopkins, seconded by Trustee Bufford, that the Grand Trustees appropriate \$12,000 to purchase the property in the name of the Grand Lodge. Motion by Grand Master Hopkins, seconded by Trustee Taylor, that the property be sold to East Gate Lodge and the Grand Lodge take a mortgage on all the property of East Gate Lodge. Motion by Grand Master Hopkins that East Gate Lodge be required to deposit \$100.00 as initial expense to the Grand Lodge to acquire such

property. Seconded by McGee. Letter read from Brother Godfrey on the above subject giving information as to court actions to date.

Committee appointed to investigate request of Sister Leola Wilson for donation to the Phyliss Wheatley Home reported favorably on the matter and recommended a small donation. This report discussed and the request of the committee denied. However, the members of the Board donated personally from their own pockets the sum of \$5.00 each to the cause. The donees were S. J. Hopkins, Ray Hunter, L. G. Dandridge, Roy E. Treece, N. Earl Grant, J. L. Taylor, Theo. Moss, Mack Bufford, Royal Towns, Du Bois McGee and Wm. C. Faulkner. A check for \$55.00 was donated by the board members and turned over to Mrs. Wilson wishing her with kindest regards for success in her work.

Brother Towns stated for the Public Relations Department the progress being made, stressed the importance of getting news from the several jurisdictional Lodges as well as those on our mailing list from other jurisdictions. He showed the new checking account taken out, and spoke of the other equipment in his office. Motion by Grand Master Hopkins, seconded by Dandridge, that a set of books be made up by the Grand Auditor for use in the Public Relations Department, and upon the completion of the Masonic year, be turned over to the Grand Auditor.

Report of the Finances for the second quarter read by the Grand Auditor as received from the Grand Secretary.

In General Fund.....	\$36,336.41
Warrants paid	16,161.93

Balance	\$18,161.93
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Relief Fund	\$24,240.47
Warrants paid	6,000.00

Balance	\$18,240.47
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Motion by Faulkner, seconded by McGee, that the financial statement presented by the Grand Secretary be accepted. Grand Auditor varied the report.

Committee to make recommendation on letter from Master Davis of T. A. Harris Lodge regarding building in South Los Angeles, asked for further time to complete their report. The request was granted.

Motion by McGee and seconded by Treece that a committee be appointed to draw the lease to the Elbe Cattle Company for our property in Tulare. Committee appointed
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The Craftsman Forum

In the San Francisco Bay Area, the Craftsman Forum is really doing a very nice piece of work in setting up an organization expressly for those who would like to improve themselves in Masonry, in their spare time. It is for those who evidently are timid about expressing their ideas in Lodge, while at a roundtable discussion and conference as the Forum holds, they seem to get more of an insight on the road they are traveling.

Heading the organization is Chairman Wm. E. Vaughns, a Past Master of Wm. J. Anderson Lodge No. 57 at Berkeley; Rev. Wm. B. Smith (73), Vice Chairman; Chas. D. Robinson, Secretary Treasurer. Heading the various committees are J. A. Cravanas (62), Jurisprudence; R. Spencer Breeden (25), Public Speaking; T. R. Poston (36), Ritualistic Research; Bernie Williams (60), Parliamentary and Masonic Law; Walter Taylor, Historic Research; La Mar Vaughn (64) and Royal E. Towns (57), Public Relations and Publicity; Milton Simon (7), Program; Henry J. Brown (60), Ways and Means; and the Governing Committee is headed by A. W. Brown (62).

Starting with the September meeting, all plans of primary interest were adopted regarding the enlargement of the scope to include all Lodges within a radius of reasonable traveling time. All Lodges were invited to participate, and to send in prospective dates.

Bay View Lodge No. 64, was the first to accept the Forum on October 31st, when the subject of being "Worthy and Well Qualified" was the subject of the evening after a lecture on the subject by a Past Master of the Lodge. East Gate Lodge No. 44 of Berkeley was the host at the November meeting and a Lecture of "The Sts. John," was presented.

Both lectures disclosed hidden talents heretofore undiscovered, and the studious Masons covered many points in the research of the subjects discussed far beyond the ritualistic standpoint.

However, this meeting marked the last until after the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, when all New Masters will have been duly elected and installed. Chairman Vaughns asks each of the New Masters to send in the names of the new representatives to the Forum as one of the first duties of his office.

Beginning in January, Wm. J. Anderson Lodge will entertain the Forum, the subject will be "Landmarks Two and Four," and the speaker will be a Past Master of that Lodge. If you have no plans
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APPRECIATION LUNCHEON GIVEN

Dr. Leonard Stovall, President of the Outdoor Life and Health Association and his official staff of Board of Directors, gave an Appreciation Luncheon to the Grand Master and the Board of Trustees Saturday afternoon, November 1st, 1952.

It marked the culmination of an effort made in 1949 by Dr. Stovall to obtain a station wagon for his association. The Trustee Board of the Grand Lodge then made plans to get this needed automobile for them. Chairman Earl Grant and the committee got busy and soon arrangements were made to buy the auto. Trustee Wm. Faulkner made the necessary transactions to obtain the automobile and the result is that today the health association enjoys this very fine station wagon type automobile as a gift of the Prince Hall Masons of the State of California.

Chairman of Foreign Correspondence Jerome Hubert was the Master of Ceremonies and carried on graciously introducing each of the guests and using his persuasive manner to have Mr. Corporal lead community singing of "Home on the Range," and his accompanist, Miss Naide McCollough, displayed an unusual touch despite her "sore finger."

Following the introduction of the honored guests from the many outstanding organizations, who have been instrumental in assisting the Association. Dr. Stovall was introduced to the audience and he thanked Grand Master Hopkins and the members of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Masons for their ever alertness to the needs of his association and for their response to his request for assistance. Chairman of the Trustee Board was introduced by Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins, who responded to the appreciation speech of Dr. Stovall. The chairman, M. Earl Grant, then presented the certificate of ownership to the Outdoor Life and Health Association.

Among those attending were Lorraine Brewer, Ida M. Franklin, Major Smith, Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. Grace D. King, Mabel Prince Simpson, Zella M. Taylor, J. H. Shackelford, A. J. Allen, S. Bloom, Ruth Butler, Verge and O'Reece Corporal, Theo Thomas, S. Spence, Mrs. Be Naces, Louis Jones, Naida McCollough, Yolande Stovall, Joseph E. Dow, John A. Jackson, Florine Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blodgett, Bessie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Godfrey Gray, Frank White, C. Spencer, Bernard Herndon, S. Y. Beverley, Grand Master and Mrs. S. J. Hopkins, Deputy Grand Master

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A LETTER TO G. M. UPTON — FIFTY YEARS AGO

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your circular letter of January 20th with enclosures.

You ask my opinion on the matter submitted by your circular and I will give it on the understanding that you accept it as an expression of my personal views, as my Grand Lodge does not meet until the 13th of May next and I have therefore no means of ascertaining its views at present.

I understand the question at issue to be as follows:

"Your Committee-Report, adopted June 15th, 1898 states, that your Grand Lodge is of opinion that its constituent Lodges or the members thereof may recognize as Brother Masons, Negroes who have been initiated in Lodges which can trace their origin to certain lodge or lodges warranted by English constitution about 115 years ago; further, that your Grand Lodge will eventually, should a Negro Grand Lodge in accordance with the Landmarks of Masonry and with Masonic Law generally, be established in your State, extend its sincere sympathy to your coloured brethren in every effort to promote the welfare of the Craft."

Your action is objected to by several American Grand Lodges on the grounds; "that the descent of the Negro is irregular, that their establishment violates the American doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction and that Negroes are ineligible to be made Masons."

My views of the matter are of course European and not American ones, but I believe them to be based on the old Charges and Landmarks of Pure and Ancient Masonry such as laid down by our common forefathers.

I believe that it is unwise and unjust to dispute the legal standing of any Lodge or Grand Lodge which practises Masonry according to our standard and has been doing good and honest work amongst the people of its own class for upwards of a hundred years. It may be possible or even admissible to contest the legal standing of a Lodge or a Grand Lodge at this time of its establishment, but if such Lodge or Grand Lodge has withstood this contention of legality and afterwards does successfully withstand the much severer test of vitality for over a hundred years, then in my opinion it has conclusively proved that it owes its

existence not to mere chance or caprice, but that it is destined to fulfill a mission and supply a want. It can then claim our fraternal esteem and our recognition if it keeps within the bounds and practices of Pure and Ancient Masonry.

I further believe Masonry to be universal and not restricted to any particular class of men, not to race, color or creed, but destined to be a center of concord for all good men and true. This I believe to be one of the old Landmarks also from time immemorial. On purely American doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction I would desire to say as little as possible. It is certainly not an old landmark and it is one of those things which we in Germany cannot see the necessity of and may we therefore be pardoned for not believing in it. In the City of Hamburg we have 16 Lodges belonging to six different Grand Lodges and we certainly do not find it in any way detrimental to the interests of the Craft.

But how is it that your antagonists—if such an expression be allowed in Masonry—maintain for themselves and as their right, the doctrine of territorial jurisdiction and yet want to interfere, and most seriously too, with your jurisdiction, authority and autonomy by putting what may almost be termed illegitimate pressure upon you when your opinion happens to differ from theirs in a matter which is not one of the old Landmarks?

And further. If the law of the land says all men are alike, whether white or coloured, how can Masonry make a law by which one set is qualified to be a Mason and one not?

Of course, the law of the land cannot and does not compel one to accept anyone, white or black, into one's company, family or lodge, but the law of the land compels one—morally in this case—not to deny any one the same rights which one claims for oneself.

We here in Europe would even go further than you and would not only acknowledge a coloured man's right to establish Lodges, but also would certainly admit properly certified coloured brethren. I remember visitors to our Lodges here from Monrovia, Tacgmel, etc.; but as an old South African colonist I can very well understand the difficulties of your position. Race prejudice not

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"FREEMASONRY"

By HAROLD MITCHELL

The pages of history show that Freemasonry has been cherished and perpetuated through centuries by a devoted brotherhood. Founded for the purpose of fraternal deed of charity and benevolence, it has spread in various forms over the entire world, and it has seconded the Christian religion in inculcating morality and the worship of the true God. Through vicissitudes of all kinds the fraternity has survived. Our mystic ceremonies have never divulged, and our numbers have steadily increased while other orders, patterned after ours, have flourished for a season and then disappeared. The tradition of Freemasonry has handed down to use the character of many of the fraternity, pre-eminent for their moral and intellectual attainments. If you could see the list there is excellent reason why as Masons, you would know beyond any question that this is true. For the roster of Masonry compromises a virtual achievement and accomplishments, leaders in virtually every phase of business, industry and of the professions. As you would expect there is excellent reason why so many of the world's distinguished men have found a common meeting ground in Masonry. It is because that Masonry is at once the universal and yearning question of man throughout all ages and its answer. It teaches no creed, no dogma, no religion, only that there is a hope of immortality, that there is a true and living God by whose mercy we may live again. It leaves to each brother his choice of interpretation by which he may reach the great beyond.

Our emblems are familiar to everyone, but their true meaning are unknown only to those who have received the light. The square and compass, the all-seeing eye, the 47th problem of Euclid are the grandest emblems of the Master Mason degree. But none of these symbols of hope and faith speak to a Mason as does the simple sprig of evergreen "which once marked the temporary resting place of the illustrious dead."

The Acacia was a symbol long before Freemasonry existed.

It is the world of the Old Testament with which the Jews constructed their holy articles. Of its boughs, so it has been said, was woven the crown of thorns which Christ wore. Even if Freemasonry

did not make it a symbol, we have adopted it as symbolic of our own belief. The Acacia marked the spot where lay all that was mortal of the widow's son, who was raised from the dead in the very shade of the Acacia. How could the plant not stand for immortality, a life to come, the blessed hope of man?

We learn from Mason's prayer that man "cometh forth as a flower and is cut down by the scythe of time which gathers him to the land where his fathers have gone before him" uncounted millions have asked where is that land? Freemasonry's reply is that glorious immortality symbolized by the sprig of Acacia. It is another equally beautiful implication besides that of faith. It matters little what that faith is. It is the existence of some faith which is imprinte. A Mason may be of any denomination, but the sprig of Acacia is at once a symbol of immortality taught by his faith and of faith itself.

We cannot prove immortality any more than we can prove God. Proof is the result of logic, and logic is the progress of mind. Faith is the product of the heart. We cannot reason ourselves into or out of love. We cannot reason ourselves into or out of faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. There is no plan without the planner. That which was lost at last be found. Divine life which is ours can no more die than can divinity.

The phraseology is mine, the teachings are Freemasonry's. Their symbol is the little green sprig which Masons drop with their tears on the body of the deceased brother in full faith that where and how we presume not say—He, even as we, shall live again.

CRAFTSMAN FORUM

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for the evening plan to get to East Gate Masonic Temple, 3138 Grove Street, Berkeley, for that occasion.

The Forum can do bigger and better things but it cannot do them with just the work of the few. All constructive suggestions will be gratefully received and if you are weak on any of the subjects mentioned,

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only amongst white and coloured, but also amongst the different white races themselves is a very strong factor in South African life and history.

But I think it is one of the duties and the privileges of Freemasonry to try to overcome prejudice in every form, to be ahead of its time in everything whereby the chain of brotherhood amongst all men can be strengthened,—and yours is a noble effort in showing to American Freemasons and to the world at large in which way this can be done.

The candid expression of your feelings does honor to your heart; it is valuable and important, even if your aim cannot at present be accomplished; it will be a Landmark in itself for the times of the future, even if you should have to reconsider your decision in view of the opposition raised against it, and in the interests of peace and harmony amongst the white Masons of your State.

You may be quite sure of the full sympathy of your German brethren whose views generally are laid down in No. 5 of the statute of the German Grand Lodge League:

"Difference of colour and race are no impediment to the recognition of a Grand Lodge or a Lodge and any Grand Lodge or Lodge will be duly recognized as soon as the necessary informations regarding its Statutes and Principles, and sufficient moral guarantees regarding its proper and salutary Masonic working are offered."

As I intend publishing this letter in one of our German Masonic Journals in May, 1899, you are at full liberty to give it publicity in your country as suggested by you.

I have the honor to be fraternally yours,

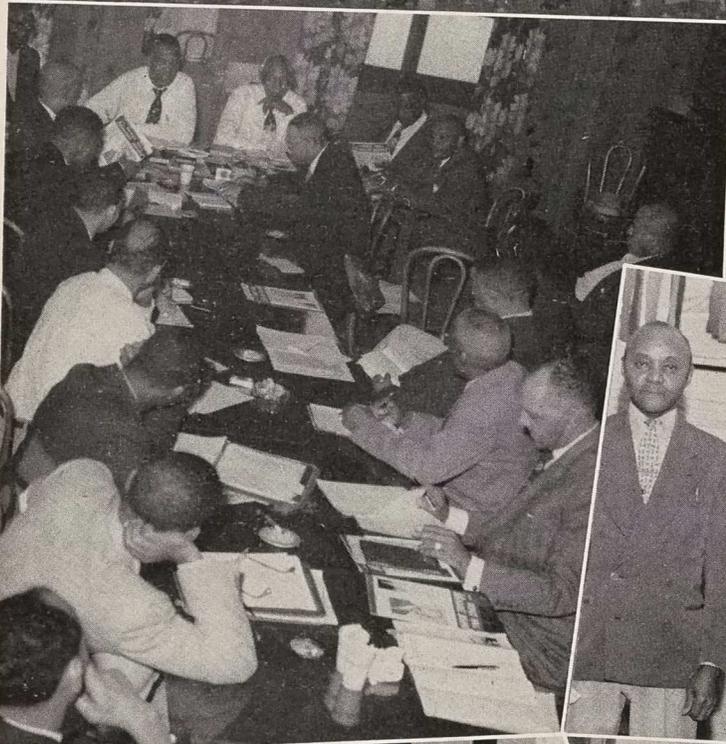
CARL WIEBE,

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

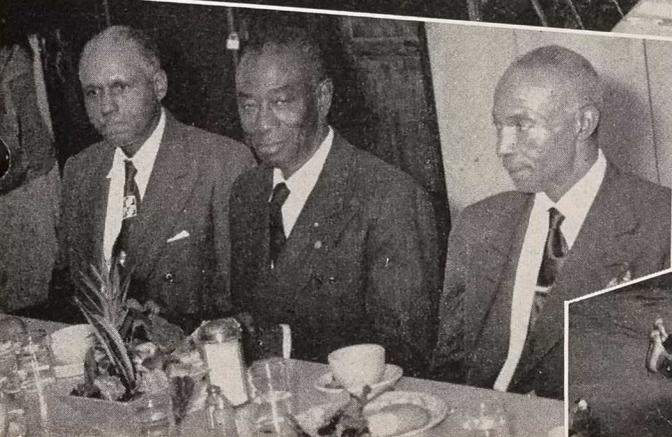
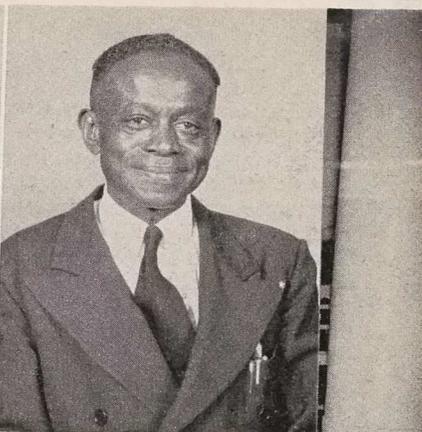
From Negro Masonry—Upton.

get in touch with the heads of the committees stated above for your personal improvement. Classes will be started if they can get the necessary number to co-operate.

Chairman Luther Johnson of the Educational Committee North is very much interested in this program and could use your help and assistance also. So don't forget the date, January 22nd, at East Gate Masonic Hall in Berkeley, California, at 8:00 p.m.



PICTURES OF LODGE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING GRAND LODGE, CONSTITUTION AT WOODLAND, GRAND OFFICERS' PRINCE HALL DAY AND PORTLAND YOUTH COMMITTEE



Grand Trustees Meet—Youth Group at Portland, Ore.—Appreciation Luncheon—Station Wagon donation—Grand Officers 1948

LIFE BACKGROUND

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ton. He also fought for schools for their children. Now, that is something for which the Craft in general has taken a great interest in—the improved public school system. Also, when Shay's Rebellion broke out in Massachusetts in November, 1786, Prince Hall offered the entire services of his Lodge to the Commander of the Army, because patriotism is one of the cardinal tenets of Freemasonry throughout the world.

When a member of Prince Hall's Lodge was kidnapped, the white Freemasons of Boston joined in the search. That Brother turned up a number of months later in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he had gone. Hull was Commandant of the Naval Prison there. There is a Navy story that says that more Paymasters who work for the United States Navy wind up there than anywhere else. Well, anyway, this Brother turned up in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and by that sign so highly prized by the Craft made himself known to members of the Craft in that city. John Sullivan was the governmental officer and was the first Grand Master. He was likewise a General under George Washington. John Sullivan, when the Brother made his sign known to him, did all in his power to aid him and he gave him financial assistance in order that he could be returned to Boston, Massachusetts and African Lodge.

On March 6, 1775 Prince Hall with 14 others, was made a Freemason in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. That is the second oldest Grand Lodge in the world. It was called No. 441 because many of the Lodges still to this day, had no name but simply had numbers. Incidentally, the Grand Lodge of Ireland has chartered more military lodges than any other jurisdiction in this world. The Master of this particular military lodge was Sgt. J. B. Batt,—Sergeant in the 30th Foot Infantry of His Imperial Majesty. Prince Hall, with the others, was made a Freemason; also went along with it the privilege of paying dues. This took place at Castle William in Boston Harbor. It was known as Fort Independence. Eight years afterwards the Regiment moved away and Lodge 441 traveled with its Regiment to the State of New York, and took on duty there. I am inclined to believe that history will bring to light, or show that this Irish Lodge no doubt left Prince Hall and his followers their Warrant or permit to work, because it was customary for military lodges to leave a copy of their Warrant with a Brother when it departed to other places. That was true with Antiquity Lodge

No. 1 of Quebec, in the Province of Canada, which received its Warrant as the result of a military organization moving on.

In 1779, a list of this Lodge, despite the fact that it was not working or initiating workers, shows 38 on the list including three or four Past Masters, which affiliates show that it had an elementary growth. Prince Hall was in contact with Joseph Warren, Provincial Grand Master of the St. Andrews Grand Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts, and I think if he had not been killed at the battle of Bunker Hill, Prince Hall probably would have received a charter much sooner because Warren was a liberalist. Joseph Warren could have elected to have become a Major General at the Battle of Bunker Hill, but history shows he fought as a private in the ranks and there suffered death by a musket ball.

A derogatory statement made in a Boston newspaper in 1784 was corrected by the editor to read "African Lodge No. 459, F. & A. M." at the request of Prince Hall and the paper immediately made the correction and openly acknowledged the error publicly in the following edition.

In March 27, 1784 Prince Hall and his Brother wrote a letter to the Grand Lodge of England requesting a charter. A second letter was submitted June 30th of the same year. Records reveal that they had received a permit from the Provincial Grand Master, one John Rowe,—a permit to bury their dead and work on at the St. John's base. Prince Hall contacted one Worship Wm. H. Moody, Past Master of an English Lodge which was acknowledged as the predecessor to the Modern Grand Lodge of England, because at that time they had two lodges operating in England. The first which began in 1721 was known as the Modern, and the second was formed in 1752. Two members of Prince Hall's Lodge lived in London. One Francis Spooner wrote Prince Hall a communication. In those days, you will recall communications were slow because they were carried by sailing ships. He wrote that the Charter was in the Grand Secretary's office and that the fees of about 6 pounds, 8 shillings and 9 pence were due. Accordingly Prince Hall contacted some Brother who was a ship's steward, by the name of Hartfield and sent this money by him. Hartfield, as customary to some men of the sea, probably wound up in some gin mill and consequently did not deliver the money. Shortly thereafter Prince Hall received another communication from a Brother Gillman, stating that the money had been sidetracked along the line. So Prince Hall called the Brothers together and secured

the necessary \$20.00 and entrusted it to a Captain James Scott who was a Master of a sailing ship. Capt. Scott was a white Freemason and delivered the money in person to the Right Worshipful Master Wm. White who gave a receipt along with the Charter. He, himself, was a personal friend of Moody's, and sent back by Capt. Scott a big book of Emerson's Constitution as a personal gift. Capt. Scott in turn brought the book back to the United States and delivered it along with the Charter to Prince Hall.

Now that Charter is still in existence. It is in excellent state of preservation and rests in the archives of the Boston Trust Company. In 1950 that Charter was brought out and exhibited. It is quite legible and is not very large—about nine by twelve inches.

In a disastrous fire in 1869 the Past Grant Master Samuel T. Kendall, at the risk of his life, saved that Charter. So up, just a little past the right hand corner is a place where fire attacked the Charter and had eaten away the corner, so you can imagine what he went through to save it. That Charter is one of the few charters in existence to this day that has been granted by the Mother Grand Lodge of the World on the North American Continent.

Thus it was that African Lodge No. 459 was chartered and listed on the rolls of the Modern Grand Lodge of England. Prince Hall at one time when they were trying to find out what had happened to the Charter after the fire, advertised in a Boston newspaper and offered a reward in the sum of six shillings. That was quite a bit of money in those days.

June 24, 1791, at the Mason's Home of the Golden Fleece on Water Street, Boston, the respective members of Hall's Lodge and others gathered together and formed a Grand Lodge. In reality it was a Provincial Grand Lodge, and Prince Hall was elected Provincial Grand Master. That method was known as the Assembly method, but it was not the first time it had been used. The Mother Grand Lodge of England was so set up in 1717 through this method, as well as the Lodge in Bordeaux, France, and the present Grand Lodge of New Jersey, F. & A. M. Also, one of the Grand Lodges in the Province of Canada used the Assembly method forming a Grand Lodge. This in undoubtedly quite true because the Grand Secretary, Wm. White, in his correspondence addresses Prince Hall as the Right Worshipful. That is correct. For a few years Prince Hall was the only communicant on the North American Continent and correspondence proves that fact.

In 1792 in November the Grand
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RELATIONSHIP OF GRAND SECRETARY

By R. U. CLARK, Grand Secretary of Louisiana

It is an honor to be invited to Chicago, State of Illinois, to address you during your Grand Masters' Convention. I deeply appreciate this privilege.

You will note the relationship of the Grand Secretary to the various constituencies as it is shown by the graph. The graph points out the relative position as it is shown as far back as 1722.

The Grand Secretary, according to record, was appointed by the Grand Master in 1722, but in 1738 the Grand Lodge thought it well to elect the Grand Secretary. The former method, in my opinion, made the Grand Secretary wholly responsible to the Grand Master; the latter method made the Grand Secretary wholly responsible to the Grand Lodge; the latter method made the office more democratic. The Grand Secretary was made amenable to the Grand Lodge. Both instances evolved from the very high regards that was reciprocal between the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

There was a Grand Master before there was a Grand Lodge, therefore before there was a Grand Secretary. Since the Grand Master preceded the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge preceded the Grand Secretary—The Grand Lodge being composed of Craftsmen; the Craftsmen, too, preceded the Grand Secretary. It is significant, then that the Grand Secretary is subservient to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge and the Craft.

Let us review the origin and authority of the Grand Master as it is shown in Mackey's Jurisprudence. You will find that the officer of Grand Master is one of such antiquity as to be coeval with the very origin of the institution whether we look upon that origin in a traditional or in an historical point of view.

There never has been a time in which the order has not been governed by a chief presiding officer.

What the Sun is to the Solar System, the Grand Master is to the Grand Lodge. The Moon, stars and other small planets shine only by the light reflected by the Sun. Likewise, the Grand Secretary shines only by the light reflected by the Grand Master. The Grand Master was, is, and ever shall be. The Grand Secretary is only what he is by consent of the Grand Master.

May I repeat: There was a Grand Master without a Grand Lodge, but never a Grand Lodge without a Grand Master. He is neither elected,

installed, nor saluted as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, but as Grand Master of Masons. Every power except a few unimportant ones fixed by the Grand Lodge is an inherent one.

The Grand Master has the right to convene the Grand Lodge on any special occasion, at such time and place as he deems expedient. The Grand Master has right to preside over every assembly of the craft, whatsoever and whensoever held. He has a right of visitation and superintend the transactions of the craft. He has the right of appointments. In 1721 he appointed the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens. He has two votes in all questions before the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master has a right to grant dispensations—to do what is forbidden by laws or regulations. He authorizes Masons to congregate together and form a Lodge. He has the power to make Masons at sight. In short, his power is unlimited.

The Grand Secretary has nothing to do with the above except as the Grand Master may empower and direct him. The Grand Lodge is conducted according to the will and pleasure of the Grand Master and it is mandatory on the part of the Grand Secretary to formulate his work satisfactorily to the wishes of the Grand Master if he desires to retain his office or succeed in the duties he has to perform.

The Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Grand Master, shall answer any foreign communications to the Grand Lodge and read all communications to the Grand Lodge. This important duty cannot be performed successfully unless there is a cordial relationship existing between the two officials.

When he, the Grand Secretary, attends upon the communications of the Grand Lodge, observes and records the proceeding thereof and preserves the same in suitable books kept for that purpose, he places in the archives, the plans and purposes expressed by the Grand Master and those who are immediately associated with him.

It is not the prerogative of the Grand Secretary to dictate the policy of the Grand Lodge nor to set the time for its meeting. But the Grand Secretary must, under the direction of the Grand Master, give notice of all meetings to the permanent members and to each lodge stating the time. He receives all petitions, appli-

cations, and appeals and lays them before the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary has the custody of the seal of the Grand Lodge but he can engross, attest and affix the seal to warrants, charters, commissions, diplomas and certificates when ordered by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. We only have to examine the trend of Masonic law to find that a Grand Secretary is but a helper and a servant of the Grand Master.

It is significant, then, that the Grand Secretary be broadminded and farsighted if the Grand Lodge would succeed. The Grand Lodge to which I refer is the Grand Lodge which is the administrative authority of ancient craft Masonry . . . The Supreme Court in all Masonic appeals.

It is commonly known that a Grand Lodge is no larger than its Grand Master nor wider in scope than its Grand Secretary. Therefore, it is becoming that the two work together to build a Grand Lodge that is noteworthy.

The Grand Secretary owes the Grand Lodge all that is within him for its edification. A list must be kept by him all of the lodges under his jurisdiction; furnish the chairman of every committee with a copy of the vote in his appointment; attend all committees with the records and papers of his office when required, and record all reports of the committees which may be accepted by the Grand Lodge.

Without a doubt, the edicts and the regulations of the Grand Lodge must be sent to the members of the Grand Lodge after its several communications to assure progress. The Grand Secretary performs this duty and any other duty or transaction which may be necessary for the information and regulation of the subordinate lodges.

It is conceivable that the Grand Secretary is responsible for all records of the Grand Lodge as well as for getting Annual Communications out to the Grand Officers, subordinate lodges and to the affiliated Grand Lodges of the United States, when directed by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

The craft, in speculative Masonry, signifies the whole body of Free Masons wherever dispersed, or it signifies the three symbolic degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Masons. The degree of Royal Arch, although a complement of the third degree, is not included in this discourse. The craft, also must be considered with the highest courtesy by the Grand Secretary. The Craftsmen work in the quarry and bring up their work for inspection. The Grand Secretary by his

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GRAND LODGE MINUTES

By C. V. WILSON, Grand Secretary, Virginia

I have been requested to discuss with you briefly, the subject of "Grand Lodge Minutes." It appears from correspondence received from those persons in charge of arranging this program that this same topic will be discussed by others present; therefore, I will limit my treatment to matters of quantity and substance. In doing so, I would like to call to your attention and briefly treat four main items of content that any well-rounded set of minutes should, in my opinion, contain:

- A—Historical Matter
- B—Roster of Lodges
- C—Roster of Prince Hall Grand Lodges
- D—Statistics

We are well aware of the real meaning of the word "minutes." Webster defines it as a short sketch of any agreement, or other subject, taken in writing; a note to preserve the memory of anything. Therefore, upon the phraseology "Grand Lodge Minutes," I shall place the connotation of their being an authentic record of the activities of the organization, and it is with this more or less definite connotation in mind that we shall treat each of the four quantitative items aforementioned.

Historical Matter

A well-rounded set of minutes should carry the historical background of the Grand Lodge, giving its authority for organization, the Grand Lodge which empowered its organization, its first officers, the date and place of organization, and any other data which backs up its contention for existence. The history will serve as a means of classification to any Grand Lodge and will further assist it as a mode of identification with sister jurisdictions of its affiliation. Each member is then in a position, from first-hand information, to educate himself for protection, he then being familiar as to the source from which he has come.

Roster of Subordinate Lodges

The minutes of a Grand Lodge should carry a roster of subordinate lodges, and to carry this one step further, a roster of the individual membership of each subordinate lodge. On the surface, the latter consideration might seem financially prohibitive. But I can assure you that if it serves no other purpose than to expose to all true Masons those who would want to sit clandestinely among us and usurp the rights of us true Prince Hall Masons, it has more than paid for itself tenfold. For no greater weapon can be placed in the hands of our individual membership than an authenticated list of individ-

ual membership of each subordinate lodge. A quick reference to it stands as a confirmation or denial of any individual's claim of membership to any lodge within the jurisdiction.

The problems of rendering aid to the worthy distressed, the identification of not only the traveler, but also true Masons within a particular city or town, and the proper recognition given to strangers or unknowns are made a great deal easier to solve.

Roster of Prince Hall Grand Lodges

The roster of all Prince Hall Grand Lodges should claim a very prominent place in the Grand Lodge Minutes. In the matter of identification of affiliation, this matter is of vast importance in dealing with the problem of admittance on demit. No elaborate picture need be painted to have you to understand just how much easier it is for a lodge to act which has to pass upon a demit application. Its officers simply turn to the roster of Prince Hall Grand Lodges in their own Grand Lodge Minutes and thereby are able to ascertain accurately the affiliation from whence its applicant comes. In our Virginia jurisdiction, this particular feature of our Grand Lodge Minutes has saved us many an embarrassing and anxious moment by our being able to identify accurately and on a moment's notice a claim of affiliation presented to us. Time and red tape are also minimized.

Again, we advise, in no small way, the advertising of our Prince Hall origin and affiliations. What better way could this be done than should all our affiliated sister jurisdictions carry a roster of all Prince Hall Grand Lodges, including the names and addresses of its Grand Officers. Through this media, Masonic acquaintances are formed and a closer fraternal relationship is built, as correspondence between individual Grand Lodge officers of the various jurisdictions develops. So, by all means, a roster of Prince Hall Grand Lodges is not only recommended but highly urged as an integral part of Grand Lodge Minutes.

Statistics

This last sub-division of our subject, statistics, seems to be more or less an optional feature in the composition of Grand Lodge Minutes, and as a printing cost item, it is the most expensive. But it, too, has many advantages which more than compensate for its cost in mere dollars and cents. The average reader, who peruses the minutes pays little attention to the minute details which go to make up statistical compila-

tions. He may be interested in sum totals or figures which show the comparative financial and numerical strength of the Grand Lodge, but little more. But there is an intelligent minority which follows very closely the inner workings of its Grand Lodge. Its ever-critical eye makes for a better bookkeeping system, a better statistical secretariat, and above all, righteous honest among all of its constituents. Where opportunity is given for examination and scrutiny of records, there is no room for either haphazard or inaccurate accounts. What better method could be promoted to assure efficiency.

Conclusion

We could go on and on in a discussion of this subject, but since time is both valuable and limited, I shall leave these thoughts for your consideration. All that has been said is predicated upon the premise that each Grand Lodge will publish and distribute its Minutes in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of its individual membership and sister jurisdictions combined. For were this not done the effects would be lost in their own futility.

Fraternally submitted,
C. V. WILSON,
Grand Secretary,
Jurisdiction of Virginia.

RELATIONSHIP

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ingenuity and pleasing personality means much to them since some are poor in writing and speech. Whenever there is a difference of opinion, his, the Grand Secretary's, kind words will bring peace. The craftsmen will return to the work with vigor. "Contentment is the pearl of price" said a writer, and it is just as true today as it was when it was first uttered.

Courtesy, punctuality, and fraternalism are necessary if the Grand Secretary will build a lasting brotherhood among the fraters of sister jurisdictions. He should keep sister jurisdictions well informed as to craftsmen who roam the globe. Otherwise imposters will easily enter their jurisdiction and destroy the high standards of Masonry. A transcript of the journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge will be printed as soon after the Annual Communication as the same can be done and forwarded, three copies thereof—to each Grand Lodge of the United States and to the Grand Lodges of such foreign states as may

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Lodge of England renumbered its lodges, so African Lodge became No. 370 on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of England. Prince Hall in 1797 chartered African Lodge No. 459 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and there was constituted a second lodge in 1797—in June, known as Hiram in the province of Rhode Island. Those are the two lodges that were constituted during his career.

October 4, 1807 Prince Hall contracted pneumonia and three days later he passed to the celestial lodge on high. Nero Prince, a Russian Jew, was elected Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He called all the members together and had a special communication placed before them on record that they change the name of their Grand Lodge to Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and that went through on unanimous ballot. Nero Prince later returned to Russia, after serving a two-year term. There he lived to be 83 years of age. I doubt very much today that any Freemason could attain that ripe old age in the United States of Soviet Republics. Nero Prince was buried outside a little Chapel in Moscow, and afterwards when the Communists came to power back in the early 20's they proceeded with a truck and machine-gun to that cemetery and thereupon proceeded to chip off and scar the cornerpieces of the headstone of Nero Prince. Now that is not the first time such a thing as that has happened. The Roman Catholics in Venezuela did the same thing to the headstone of Simon Bolivar—they chipped off his name entirely and scarred the stone.

Prince Hall is buried in Cops Hill Burial Grounds in Boston, Massachusetts, not very far from old North Church where Paul Revere, who also was a Freemason, received that message that sent him on that admirable ride which is set out in that famous poem by Longfellow. On June 25, 1895, there was erected over his grave a very beautiful monument by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. And all the surviving members of African Lodge were present on that memorable occasion. One of those present, among the many, was Brother John J. Smith who was initiated April 18, 1846. This monument consists of a broken column on a heavy pedestal, and is located in a shady grove. It is a beautiful tribute to Prince Hall. The day that I went to visit the grave when I was in Boston was in the Spring of the year and it was just about twilight. The afternoon sun had gone down and there were shimmering rays coming through the trees. It had

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ording to our individual capacities, guide to our daily living.

Masonry teaches many important then apply them as the rule and lessons of life covering that predetermined expanse of Youth, Manhood and Age; the most important being; that there is but one God, infinite, eternal; that the soul of man is immortal; that nature is the primary revelation of God. We as Freemasons, must be prepared to receive instruction with humility, to listen with open minds, emphasizing Masonic toleration, respecting the opinions of others; to serve in our communities in all undertakings for good; aid in providing wholesome recreation for its youth; forget not, the widow and orphan, the needy and under-privileged; by promoting good will, creating friendship by our good behavior and regular deportment in our daily intercourse with our fellowman.

These are the excellent precepts which Prince Hall received at the Sacred Altar of Masonry and which encourage the growth of the social virtues which tend to dignify as well as to adorn human nature, and render mankind, peace and happiness.

We sincerely trust that through this public ceremony in memory of an outstanding servant in his community, the founder of Freemasonry among Negroes in America; you will come to recognize the grand standard of the members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California and its Jurisdiction, as an institution dedicated to the building of better men for greater service in your community.

LUNCHEON

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Raymond Hunter, Grand Treasurer Roy E. Treece, Grand Secretary Lillard G. Dandridge, Grand Trustee M. Earl Grant, Wm. H. Faulkner, Past Grand Master Theodore Moss, Jackson L. Taylor, Mack Bufford, Grand Auditor, Dubois McGee, Public Relations Director R. E. Towns and Louis Jones, Grand Inspector.

been raining that day. There stood that tombstone gleaming as it shed little dribblets of water. If you are ever in Boston, Massachusetts, it will be worth your while to go out and see monument to Prince Hall—to whom you and I owe so much.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. It has been a privilege to address you on Prince Hall Day.

TRUSTEES' MEETING

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as follows: S. J. Hopkins and J. L. Taylor. The lease for the property to be leased for not less than \$50.00 per acre for three (3) years. Committee has the authority to increase the time to five (5) years if deemed in the best interest of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master stated that Brother Harry Peirson, former Secretary and Grand Trustee, has in his possession a typewriter and ordered Secretary Faulkner to write a letter to him requesting him to turn it over to Brother Mack Bufford.

Bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer was discussed. It was stated that the bond of the Grand Treasurer was to be kept by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Secretary's bond to be kept by the Grand Master. The officers in question were to see that the bonds be kept in their proper places as this was the Grand Lodge law regarding the bonds of officers.

Letter from Elbe Cattle Company turned over to Grand Master Hopkins for use in drawing up lease.

There being no further business the meeting closed by a prayer from Brother Treece at 1:40 p.m.

The Grand Trustees and Grand Lodge Officers were informed that Dr. Stovall of the Out Door Life and Health Association had prepared a luncheon in appreciation for the donation of the Station Wagon. Pictures were taken by Brother Towns of the Public Relations Department. All members and guests entered the dining room where a Turkey Dinner was served with all the trimmings.

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notice, to register joy and satisfaction, and if continued will eventually yield to the pacific strains and fall away into the arms of Morpheus.

Next comes the school age where youngsters delight in singing or yelling, whichever the case may be, the simple tunes viz. The Shoemakers Song, Humpty Dumpty, and Little Miss Muffet. Participation in this type of musical activity can be a most pleasurable source of enjoyment for these youngsters, and in any sense, music for pleasure is lots of fun. We cannot overlook the influence high school and college songs have on this particular group of young people—how they well, jump and sing themselves hoarse, yet the overwhelming effect of their school Victory Song inspires them on and on.

When wars dark cloud cast sha-

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WM. CHESLEY, JR.
Deputy Grand Joshua



MAGGIE FIELDS
Grand Treasurer



DE WITT FREEMAN
Grand Worthy Joshua



HAVANA WOODFORD
Grand Secretary



JEWELL MOORE
Most Ancient Grand Matron



LEOLA TUCKER
Senior Ancient Matron



JESSYE SINGLETARY
Junior Ancient Matron



ESTELLE HOUSTON
Grand Secretary of Charity



RICHARD SINGLETARY
Director No. 1
PRINCE HALL MASONIC DIGEST

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor: Henry Ward Beecher once wrote interesting comment on the Lord's Prayer. It is presented for your consideration..

I used to think the Lord's Prayer was a short prayer, but, as I live longer, and learn and see more of life, I begin to believe there is no such thing as getting through it.

If a man in praying that prayer were to be stopped by every word until he had thoroughly prayed it, would take him a life time. Our Father there would be a wall a hundred feet high in just those two words to most men, If they might say, Our Tyrant, or Our Monarch" or even Our Creator, they could get along with it, but Our Father, why, a man is almost a saint who can pray that.

You read, Thy will be done and you say to yourself, Oh I can pray that, and all the time your mind goes round and round in immense circuits and far off distances, but God is continually bringing the circuits nearer to you till he says, How is it about your temper and your pride? How is it about your business and your daily life.

This is a revolutionary petition. It would make many a man's shop and store tumble to the ground to utter it. Who can stand at the end of the avenue along which all his pleasant thoughts and wishes are blossoming like flowers, and send these terrible words. Thy will be done, crashing down through it? I think it is the most fearful prayer to pray in the world.

Fraternally,

JAMES S. TOGANS, J.W.
Sunset No. 26

Dears Sirs:

It is with humble pride that I write this letter in acknowledgement of two hundred dollar donation which the Most Worship Prince Hall Grand Lodge has granted to the 28th Street Branch Y.M.C.A. of Los Angeles.

Your contribution will be used by the YMCA Boys' Department to purchase needed equipment and will thus enable the Branch to contribute greatly to the services of the youth whom we now serve.

It takes God-fearing men to give to the needy causes of humanity. It takes men with vision to recognize the need for support of organizations working with youth. Your giving will not have been in vain as I will personally see to it that the money will be spent wisely.

On behalf of the Board of Management of the 28th Street Branch YMCA, I am taking this opportunity to thank your noble organization for this fine gesture of support.

Sincerely yours,

LORENZO BOWDOIN,
Board Chairman.
KENNETH A. MORRIS,
Executive Secretary.

Dear Brother Towns:

At a regular meeting of the Master Council of 1945, the merits of The Prince Hall Masonic Digest were offered as a subject for discussion. During the course of this deliberation many interesting thoughts were advanced, such as completion of articles from a Journalistic observation, merits of articles presented to the public from time to time and the benefits derived by the Craft through this medium of Masonic education.

The summary of this discussion brought to light that every member of the Council agreed that the Prince Hall Masonic Digest is a Publication of the highest order. A motion was therefore unanimously adopted requesting the Secretary to write a letter of commendation expressing the gratitude of the Council for the excellent services you are rendering on behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

I feel greatly honored to be privileged to write this letter on behalf of the Masters Council of 1945.

With kindest personal regards to you and best wishes for the continued success of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

T. A. SATCHELL, Secretary,
The Masters Council of 1945.

From Korea
Circulation—1,000

For Big Roy:

The usual letter from the U.S. Soldier, Mason. Sarge: A fine magazine. Found articles interesting and informative. Appreciated learning about the Prince Hall Order. Wish this kind of information had a wider circulation for a better understanding among all Masons.

Fraternally,

J.A.M

Thanks a lot for the loan. When you write your Dad tell him he is to be commended for the fine job he is doing as editor.

Submitted by

Sgt. Royal E. Towns, Jr.
319th Ordnance-Ammunition
Company, North Korea.

Ray Hunter:

A splendid first issue, well thought out and well executed. I hope your editorial board will be able to maintain so high a standard. Layout, illustrations and color are well handled. Your editors might have used the pencil a little more on some of the personal messages, as they are a trifle long and not always concise, but that is a minor matter and very difficult to do. I find the magazine informative and interesting to read. Thanks for letting me see it.

CHARLIE PALMER.

To the Grand Officers, Assistant Editors
And Editorial Research Staff of Editors of
The Prince Hall Masonic Digest.
GREETINGS:

You have been considered by this office as an editorial associate of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest Staff of officers. All Grand Lodge Officers are part of the magazine. Those whose names appear on the boxed staff of officers have been considered as outstanding men in their jurisdictional location and those who could accept the responsibility and are capable of performing the duties assigned to you.

Regardless of locale, you should be able to submit, from time to time, intelligent articles on Freemasonry, either in your own writings or selected articles you have read, providing you send the name of the magazine or book it came from and the author. Also the news of the Lodges in your vicinity.

To get news you should contact the Lodge Secretaries in your district as we need more personal news, so that the Brothers can read about themselves.

All stories should tell the "How" "When" "Where" "Why" and the "What" or "Who" of the story.

Who.....Adonis Lodge
What.....Second degree
When?.....October 19, 1952
Where?.....925 - 30 Street
How?.....Grand Master conferring degree
Why?.....On special request.

Story:

On Saturday evening, October 19, 1952, at the Masonic Temple, 925 - 30th Street, Oakland, California, Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins has been invited by special request to confer the second degree on a class of ten members. Adonis Lodge is to be congratulated by selecting the Grand Master to confer this degree upon a group of local dentists and physicians, which make up the class. Master T. Spencer Goldring will preside.

To make news, it must come from all parts of the Masonic World. If you can get it to us, please do so immediately.—Ed.

Dear Editor: Enclosed you will find your copies of our Historical Booklet. We regret the undue delay.

Additional copies may be obtained upon the donation of one dollar each. Make your checks or money orders payable to the Centennial Committee of North Star Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., and mail to the undersigned.

We appreciate your cooperation. To those who submitted cuts, we wish to inform you that they are now being returned under separate cover.

Fraternally yours,

JULIUS K. TEAGUE, Secretary
Historical Booklet Committee.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Editor: Having read every word in the October issue of our Prince Hall Masonic Digest I cannot refrain from writing to you and endeavoring to compliment you and your staff on the splendid job you are doing.

Yours may be equalled but I am certain there are none better in the Masonic or any other literary field. I am making a collection of each issue and I am hopeful that in each there will be something which approaches "What is your Name." I have read through several times and passed it on to several young men who have had their First Degree in a clandestine lodge. After reading it they craved more information concerning Prince Hall Masons; each have ordered Davis's history of Negro Masonry.

This is indeed a weapon against clandestines and you can be justly proud you are in the forefront. The pictorial illustrations are excellent and it make one feel delightful to see group pictures of brothers from one end of the jurisdiction to the other.

VERNON B. HOLLOWAY, P.M.
San Diego No. 10.

P.S. We are glad to receive letters regarding our publication. Just a few have been received from other jurisdictions—all who are Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and Chairmen of Foreign Correspondence receive The Prince Hall Masonic Digest. Naturally we are looking for information from these jurisdictions; we want your compliments or criticism, but let us hear from you. Many thanks to those who have written—your letters will eventually find space in our columns.—Ed.

Hon. R. E. Treece, Grand Treasurer
M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge,
F. & A. M.
6926 Lookwood Street
Oakland 21, California.

Dear Brother Treece:

Thank you for your contribution of \$500.00 for the Prince Hall Masons Legal Research Dept. (NAACP) and your letter of November 6th. We have credited the contribution Research Dept. (NAACP) and it will toward the Prince Hall Masons Legal be placed in that account to be used solely for the purpose of the Prince Hall Masons Legal Research.

We are convinced that we will reach our quota of \$20,000 this year from Prince Hall Masons throughout the country and we are more than happy that the California jurisdiction is included in that group.

We hope that you will give our sincerest appreciation and thanks to the Grand Master, the Grand Officers and Brothers in California.

We understand clearly the reason for turning the check over to Mr. Franklyn H. Williams and his office will be given due credit for the fine work being done in the West Coast Region as exemplified by your confidence in sending the check through him.

Sincerely and fraternally,

THURGOOD MARSHALL,
N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense

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dows of grim dejection over a country, what is it but songs and more songs that inspire a nation and its fighting men on to victory. The pull and irresistible force of Martial Music has often sent battalions charging into certain death and complete annihilation.

Why do we like music? After all, according to science, it is only atmospheric vibration. Why does it mean so much to us? This is not easy to answer, from the greatest artist to the uneducated layman have pondered the same question. The emotional, spiritual and intellectual pull of music is one of the strongest forces in the world today, but the why and wherefore of its magnetism is not easy to analyze. It might be a Beethoven Sonata, or SWING LOW SWEET CHARIOT, or Boogie-woogie, or a March Militaire—taste differs as individuals differ—there is evidence everywhere that millions of people all over the world are being influenced by the mysterious force of music. It may be the incessant beat of the drum in the African jungle, the slow mournful tune of the Funeral Dirge or the complex sounds of a sophisticated symphony in a modern concert hall: the pull is apparent.

Some theories offered by those who have discussed the matter of the origin and power of music convey enough logic convincing to the inept. Schopenhauer, the philosopher, held this view very strongly, he said, "music is quite independent of the visible world, is absolutely ignorant of it, and could exist in a certain way if there were no world; which cannot be said of the other arts." Some writers, the Frenchman Dubois and the English philosopher Herbert Spencer among them, claim that Music does represent Nature. Alfred Wallenstein, the conductor says, "Music must belong to all the people—not just a chosen few."

The first reference made of music was at Earth's Creation, WHEN THE MORNING STARS SANG TOGETHER, AND ALL THE SONS OF GOD SHOUTED FOR JOY. Job 38:7. God, by his mighty words, convinceth Job of ignorance. Therefore, the power and appeal of music is the work of God and like other great forces in the world encompasses that element of the imponderable and mysterious about it. Whatever the type may be, music is a kind of inarticulate speech which at times tends to lead us to the edge of the infinite and impels us to gaze for a moment into it. It is the only Art that is given from God to man, and the only Art that we shall take from earth to heaven.

Special Notice to Members

All Elected Masters for the ensuing year of 1953 are asked to send the names of the elected officers, their meeting place and meeting dates to the Director of Public Relations, 718-35th Street, Oakland 12, California, as soon as possible after the December election. If your Secretary has not sent in to this office a mailing list within the last 90 days, please have him send in a new list. This is very urgent.

Director of Public Relations.

To The Grand Officers; Assistant Editors and Editorial Research Staff of Editors of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest: GREETING:

As you probably already know, you have been considered an editorial associate of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest staff of officers.

All Grand Lodge officers are part of the magazine. Those whose names appear on the boxed staff of officers, have been considered as editorial associates; your names have been selected as being capable of performing the duties which have been assigned to you. You have been picked according to your jurisdictional location, either in the northern, central or southern sections, geographically speaking.

Regardless of your locale, you should be able to submit intelligent articles on Freemasonry, either of your own writing or those selected from Masonic readings, if you send the name of the magazine or writer along with it showing the source from whence it came.

As Editorial associates, you are expected to get in touch with other Grand Lodge Officers, especially the Inspectors and Lodge secretaries of your respective neighborhoods to get the latest news for this office. Articles sent in should be typed and double spaced; this makes it easier for the editor to read, it saves time, and can be corrected or amended easily.

Collectively, we are doing a fine job as five copies have been released since our inception. The latest copy is in the form of making. We need local information; pictures of Old Officers, Lodge gatherings, either Grand or Subordinate; late photos of Lodges, and last but not least A PICTURE OF YOURSELF, dressed in a Tuxedo as we expect to feature a page of pictures of our Grand Lodge officers and the editorial staff. Please see that the picture is 3 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches on glossy paper. However, if we have taken a picture of you in a "Tux," don't bother to send me your picture.

Personally, we have left no stone unturned to let not only our Grand Master and the Craft of this jurisdiction know what is transpiring, but we are extending the work of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons of California throughout the world, from Japan on the West to Africa on the East. You have played a great part in enabling us to do this. Our circulation could not be better, our articles have been enlightening and instructive to the membership. It has been something by which we may hope to show the world we are due the recognition which Prince Hall sought for us—a just proof that we are duly and truly prepared.

Finally, please have the picture of yourself in this office—if it isn't received—you will be among those missing when the official staff of officers appears in our periodical. Thanks for your efforts and trying to spur you on to greater attainments, I am

Yours truly,
Public Relations Director.

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be affiliated with his jurisdiction.

Again, the Grand Secretary is a servant, brother and friend of the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Craft and Sister jurisdictions. . . . The functions, the discharge of which are entrusted to the Grand Secretary and are of most important nature and require no ordinary amount of talent.

The Grand Secretary, then is a potent factor in fraternalism, and as such should be well prepared, mentally, morally and physically.

New Officers Elected To Grand High Court

The following are the elected officers of Grand High Court, Heroines of Jericho, for the ensuing year:

Most Ancient Grand Matron, Jewell Moore, Los Angeles; Grand Worthy Johua, DeWitt Freeman, Vallejo; Deputy Grand Matron, Ohma Warner, Los Angeles; Grand Court Secretary, Mildred Moore; Treasurer, Maggie Fields; Deputy Grand Joshua, William Chesley, Jr., Los Angeles; Grand Lecturer, Ann King, Los Angeles.

The following are the elected officers of Golden State Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, for the ensuing year:

Grand Worthy Patron, Leon F. Marsh Sr.; Grand Worthy Matron, Geraldine O'Connor, Los Angeles; Grand Associate Patron, John L. Thompson, Los Angeles; Grand Associate Patron, Abbie Cantrell, Portland; Grand Treasurer, Irene Lampkin, Pasadena; Grand Secretary, Mary I. Firmes, Los Angeles; Grand Conductress, Carrie Ellis, Pasadena; Grand Associate Conductress, Dolly Fluker, Vallejo; Grand Treasurer of Charity, Lillian Chisom, Berkeley; Grand Secretary of Charity, Mamie Le Protti, Walnut Creek; and Grand Lecturer, Gertrude Pursley, Oakland.

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGES—

Special Notice

Dear Sir and Brother:

The Prince Hall Masonic Digest has been sent to you for a year gratis. We expect no financial return for this service, but we do expect, on a mutual basis for your Grand Lodge to send to this office any publication or publications printed within your jurisdiction, that we may acquaint our membership with that which is going on in other parts of the Prince Hall Masonic World.

We hope in this manner to get some of the best writings we can possibly attain from our own Prince Hall Masons, thereby giving the Craft the Light for which they have all craved.

We want to hear from you, we would appreciate any criticism, or receive a compliment, if one is in order, or just a card of thanks, so that we may definitely know you are receiving our publication. We hope to improve with constructive criticism.

Thanking you and hoping for an immediate reply,

Very sincerely and fraternally yours.

ROYAL E. TOWNS,
Director of Public Relations.

PRINCE HALL MASONIC DIGEST

REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM TO FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS

CLEO W. WOOTEN. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

As a basis for limited discussion on the Desirability of Prince Hall Grand Lodges Re-establishing the Custom of Designating Representatives to Foreign Jurisdictions, permit us to interpret the Representative System to mean a brother appointed by one Grand Lodge to represent its interest in another. We shall not attempt to establish any rules pertaining to his duties or qualifications, except to say he should be a member of the Grand Lodge to whom he is accredited. If the custom should be re-established we leave it to the Conference to define the rules governing the same.

We do not propose to merely follow it as imitators of the Grand Lodge of New York, white, which Grand Lodge, being credited with the origin of the representative system, and having never manifested a single Masonic principle to gladden the hearts of its fellow-men; but, on the contrary, has been the most inveterate foe of anybody of men laying claim to be a Grand Lodge. As practiced by them, it appears to be an office of honor rather than one of service. However, we propose to make the office a useful instrument for good among all the Grand Lodges of the Prince Hall Family.

To begin with, we should like to consider the Masonic system as a whole and then the representative system. The Masonic System, as it now exists throughout the world, had its origin in connection with oppression; for it was in consequence of the oppression of the Huguenots in France that the father of John T. Desaguliers fled from France to England with his infant boy, who was destined to become the father of our present system of Freemasonry. Even that land was not free from religious persecution; so that in manhood, John T. Desaguliers, joined by Dr. James Anderson, originated our present system of Freemasonry for the expressed purpose of enlarging the liberties of man, opposing wrong, and thereby the better to improve the condition of mankind. They so impressed these opinions upon the minds of the men whom they made Masons, that they and their immediate disciples, coming to this country, readily perceived that the conferring of the three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry upon Prince Hall and fourteen other free men of color, was but carrying out the objects and designs of this institution, as by them understood to elevate man.

Most all Masonic writers agree that Freemasonry in all ages has been used to advance the interests of

man. We, then, being the oppressed of this land, should avail ourselves of its help in our endeavors to aid and improve the condition of our fellowman, more especially our brethren in Freemasonry wheresoever dispersed around the globe. In this respect, we propose to re-establish the custom of appointing representatives near the Grand East of our sister Grand Lodges.

We realize this is not a part of the Masonic system proper, and there are those who will argue that the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, are authorized by their several positions to hold correspondence, with each and every Grand Lodge in the universe; that this would seem sufficient for all necessary purposes in the management of a Grand Lodge in its own relations and those of other Grand Lodges.

However, we are forced to believe that the re-establishment of Grand Lodge Representatives would cause the bonds of union among Grand Lodges so mutually represented to be more closely cemented and would materially aid in bringing about that harmony and concert of action so essentially necessary for a full measure of our service to the organization and its members everywhere. In these modern times a Grand Lodge may have need to be represented in an ambassadorial position. Almost one hundred years ago, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by special act of the Grand Lodge, appointed representatives to other countries. This we were forced to do, in order to meet our enemies who were maligning us abroad, thus creating the necessity for our action in this instance. The Grand Lodges of Hamburg, Hungary, the Grand Orient of France and many other Grand Lodges upon the continent, used their powers in behalf of our just cause to further establish the rights of our claim, good men and true, Free and Accepted Masons.

Besides the above named Grand Lodges, as late as 1929, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had representatives appointed near the Grand East of the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Liberia, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas,

Washington, West Virginia and Virginia.

When we first acted to appoint representatives to other countries, we based our action in part upon what is found in English Grand Lodge Constitution, page 29, that "The Masters may, by warrant, appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent him in a sister Grand Lodge. He may also constitute any distinguished brother, regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge of England with such rank as may be appropriate."

In many instances it may become a necessary protection at home, as well as abroad, to be so represented. As a specific example, allow us to call your attention to the report of the Committee appointed in 1903 by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to prefer charges against John G. Jones of Chicago, Illinois. It follows:

"Boston, Massachusetts
December 1, 1903

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Massachusetts:

Your Committee appointed at the "Special Communication" of the Grand Lodge, held August 12, 1903, to prefer charges against John G. Jones of Chicago, Illinois. On October 13-14, 1903, the Grand Lodge of Illinois met in Annual Communication, and tried Brother John G. Jones. He was convicted, and upon the basis of evidence submitted, was expelled from Masonry by his Grand Lodge."

It was further reported that "Past Grand Master J. W. Moore, of Chicago, Illinois, Representative of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, near the Grand East of Illinois, conveyed to the Grand Lodge "Prince Hall" fraternal greetings, giving in detail the condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction and the progress it undoubtedly would make since the removal from Masonry of John G. Jones. The letter of Brother Moore was listened to with undivided attention and commented upon as coming from one who had devoted much time and had proved himself a true and trusted brother, who endeavored to uphold Masonry to the high level from which such men as John G. Jones and those of his stamp so earnestly labored to degrade it."

From this it would appear that Brother Moore played an important part in bringing about the conviction of Brother John G. Jones.

Again, it will be found that many
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WAS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT GRAND LODGE?

1—Roxber Chambers, Wm. Jackson, Clifford Cannon, Roosevelt Haughton, Sonnie McDowell, Leland S. Smith.

2—Wm. E. Scott, Cephas Simmons, Howard Williams, Walter Jewell, Eugene Covington.

3—Wm. K. Jarvis, Clarence Criss, Walter M. Harrison, Robert C. Bell, Jerome Brown, J. M. Watkins, Charlie Flewellen, Cecil P. Baugh, Murdock Wilson, G. A. Garrard.

5—L. L. Stewart, Sr., L. L. Stewart, Jr., Wm. P. Tatum, W. S. Cohn, J. L. Taylor, John Moses.

6—Verl McGaughey, F. D. Hayes, W. L. Garner, Richard McClanahan, Douglas Houston, Edward A. St. James, Ray Hunter, S. O. Sheffield, Thurman L. Taylor.

7—Wm. L. Hill, Sr., James E. Miller, Milton R. Simons, Edward M. McCabe, Carroll S. McCane, Jos. W. Hickerson, Hayden Sisson, Harold D. McGhee.

8—Wm. H. Brooks, Ellsworth C. Harris, Fred A. Reynolds, Lloyd Herbs.

10—Charles J. Matthews, Ernest J. Botts, Walter J. McDonald, Troy Floyd Echola, Jesse Scott, Jos. A. Llopia, Holland W. Campbell, McKinley K. Courts, Joseph Childress.

11—A. H. Drisdorn, Hugh Dangerfield.

12—Stephen Coates.

13—Rev. T. A. Patterson, Starling J. Hopkins, Frank M. Beverley, Stonewall Hose, Stanley Y. Beverley.

14—Claude M. Statum.

15—Wilbert Lawton, Theo. Moss, James Davis, Clyde Ribbs, Pat Taylor.

17—Dan. L. Foster, Willie Byas.

18—Burney B. Irvin, T. W. Franklin, Wm. C. Faulkner, Herbert A. Greenwood.

19—James Williams, Ernest Copeland, Perry D. Lacy, Robert W. Brown, Harold Mitchell, Ed Campbell.

20—C. E. McKinney, James H. Finis, Marion Churchill, L. G. Dandridge, Joseph E. Down, Thos. E. Peoples, Samuel Van Meter.

21—L. C. Cozey, Jr., W. E. Leonard, Frank G. White.

22—Nelson E. Lang.

23—James A. Hayward

24—William Howard, M. Earl Grant.

25—A. C. Bridges, John Norris, E. Al Fulcher, Jesse Glosson, Romeo

S. Breeden, George R. Vaughns, C. L. Johnson, Mack C. Bufford.

27—Samuel Brown, Frank Boone.

28—R. W. Bostic, B. J. Solomon,

29—Edward W. Jones, Aaron Grant, Sr., Jesse Flowers, Jacob Davis, Roy E. Treece, J. P. Black, Willie Moore, N. Hardy, E. S. Jones. S. H. White, L. V. Reliford.

30—Charlie Jones, Robert Caldwell, John Silverburg, Samuel E. Williams, Simeon Alfred Beckles, Joseph J. Johnson, Rayfield Crowder.

33—John C. Sims, LeRoy McDowell, F. S. Stanley, Roy Taylor, Claud Allen.

35—Walter Freeman, B. L. Hadnot, Alexander Morrow.

36—Samuel Williams, Walter C. Taylor, Henry T. Crock, Walter C. Williams Sr., Chas. D. Robinson, Howard Ousley.

40—O. P. Price, John Adonis.

41—Alfred G. Saunders.

43—Earl C. Shepard, Arthur S. Gray, Robert Greene, Jerry R. Harrison, Jerry R. Harrison.

44—Anthony Abraham, Henry H. Godfrey, Theodore J. Lewis, H. Custer, Ernest Harrison.

45—George C. Black, Charles A. Hunter, Jerome L. Hubert Sr., McFarland Enoex.

46—Clarence Lucas, Wm. L. Ratliff.

47—Else R. Allen.

48—Marcelo A. Caumiran.

49—Leroy Taylor, E. D. Wallace, Charles L. Jefferson, Chas. T. Pyrme.

50—Archie W. Herbert, Lucien L. Robinson.

51—Ambrose M. Costa, Gilbert W. Cork, Marion E. Wildy.

52—George Charles, Junior Beane.

53—George H. Wilson.

54—Jack Romero.

(55)—Sylvester Wilhite.

56—Andre S. Vaughn, Phillip B. Vaughner, Frederick C. Smith.

57—Royal E. Towns, T. R. Harde-man, Wm. E. Vaughns, Jas. R. Vaughns, Jeffry Dixon, Theodore Bomar, John Q. Ellis.

58—McKinley K. Reeves, Fonzie Lee Thomas.

59—Earl Bohannon.

60—Edward Converse, Claude Bates, Burney J. Williams, George I. Bankston.

REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM

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of our brothers are now and will be in the service of the Armed Forces of our country. They will frequently move from State to State, and country to country, sometimes with their families in search of homes or apartments whereby help is needed to secure the same. It is possible some may become involved with the law and need counsel or other assistance. Numerous examples may be cited to show that help or assistance for a worthy brother or his family may the better be provided through a particular individual rather than the organization as a whole. Whatever a brothers' circumstances may be, it is always comforting for him to know that he has in each jurisdiction a brother in whose fidelity he might with safety confide. Why not delegate these and other like duties to some suitable brother near the Grand East of our sister Grand Lodges?

Attention is called to the activities encouraged and supported by several Grand Masters and Grand Officers of Prince Hall Lodges throughout the nation.

PICTURES ON PAGE 8—

Left side—R. E. Treece, W. Taylor, J. Cravanas, N. C. Duff, Ted Lewis; Jerusalem Lodge No. 72; Scene from Grand Officers Conference at Oakland; Heroines of Jericho at San Jose.

Right side—Grand Marshall S. Y. Beverley, Harvie Earl, R. Hadlock and M. Robinson Baker, Master of newly constituted Lodges; P.G.M. Moss, Mayor Frank Hurd, Woodland; Grand Master Hopkins, Deputy Grand Master Hunter; Portland Knights of Pythagoras Committee; scene at Woodland.

61—Walter Clay, Robert L. Poole, D. D. Mattocks, Sylvester Echols, Herbert J. Robinson, Edgar A. Cook.

62—John A. Cravanas, L. S. Cannon.

63—Luther Johnson, Montrose Carroll, Edward M. Parker.

64—Major A. Eberhart, Dero Howard, Lamar Vaughn.

65—Rufus Johnson, David Butler, Clarence S. Williams, Arthur Lewis Crosby, Robert Johnson.

67—James Melton.

68—Wesley C. Harris, Henry A. Charles, John Narcisse.

69—Wm. H. Davis.

John A. Barber U.D.—Truitt Spigner, Wm. Bower.

Paul Alexander U.D.—Keiff Boulton. Monarch U.D.—M. Robinson Baker.

Enterprise No. 1, Washington Jurisdiction—James Cantrell.

THREE LODGE CONSTITUTED AT WOODLAND CEREMONIES

On Saturday evening, October 25, before a capacity filled hall, three Under Dispensation Lodges were dedicated, consecrated and constituted as regular Lodges in the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California and its Jurisdiction by Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins and his staff of Grand Lodge officers.

An interesting program was outlined by the Committee on Arrangements. Beginning with the processional into the hall by the Masons assembled, the Invocation was offered by Rev. B. G. Goodwin, followed by the National Anthem. The Master of Ceremonies was introduced by M. Robinson Baker. Brother Cravanas, the M.C., then introduced Mayor Frank Hurd who delivered the welcoming address. Grand Master Hopkins responded in behalf of the Grand Lodge.

A solo by Brother Otis Wright, "Oh, What a Beautiful City," was rendered with his very excellent tenor voice.

Constitutional ceremonies followed, by Grand Master Hopkins and his Grand Lodge Officers; the installation of officers by Grand Lecturer Walter C. Taylor was conferred by truly masterful perform-

ance of his duties.

At the conclusion Grand Marshall S. Y. Beverly proclaimed Jerusalem Lodge No. 72, Monarch Lodge No. 73, and Monument Lodge No. 74 duly constituted into our Grand Lodge.

Community singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" followed by Benediction by Bro. Rev. Wm. B. Smith ended a well outlined program.

A banquet followed and a feast, indeed, it was.

Officers and members of the Lodges constituted are as follows:

Jerusalem Lodge No. 72—Officers: Rosendo Hadloc, W.M.; Stanley H. Manzano, S.W.; Pastor Fabro, J.W.; Urbano Tejo, Treasurer; D. W. Halay-ay, Secretary; Antonia Arcalas, S.D.; A. B. Lecondeni, J.D.; Emilio Araos, S.S.; Pablo Acera, J.S.; Frank Arrelano, Marshall, and Gabino Ungui, Tiler.

Members—M. Acosta, S.M. Amon, G. G. Ablang, F. A. Abaya, E. V. Benitez, E. G. Bersamen, M. Carmanzana, S. Cariaso, N. R. Care, A. De La Cruz, R. L. Gamboa, B. P. Haber, D. H. Hermosura, P. Ituralde, J. R. Horolan, B. C. Magsaysay, A. O. Mendosa, A. G. Niolo, L. D. Manuel, F. P. Querido, A. B. Ramos, J. H. Rebolledo, L. H. Rebolledo, L. F.

Ridad, C. Y. Santos, and M. C. Vinoya.

Monument Lodge No. 74—Officers: Harvie Earl, W.M.; Wm. Petty, S.W.; Lionel Watkins, J.W.; C. Daigre, Treasurer; L. Petty, Secretary; L. Thomas, S.D.; P. Trevigne, J.D.; Wm. Finney, S.S.; Jas. Hampton, J.S.; Sandy Diggs, Marshall, H. Wright, Chaplain; and Jas. Scott, Tiler.

Members: Henri Brinson, Robert Brown, Jr., Jack Coleman, Tyra Hackett, Bynum Martin, Marian Scott, Ollie Singleton, Morris Turner, John Wesley and Henry Wright.

Monarch Lodge No. 73—Officers: M. R. Baker, W.M.; W. B. Smith, S.W.; R. W. Wilkerson, J. Wilkerson, J.W.; E. D. Smith, Treasurer; J. R. Campbell, Secretary; O. D. Wright, S.D.; G. P. Jones, J.D.; C. A. Brown, S.S.; E. F. Jones, J.S.; Calvin Calahan, Chaplain; W. J. Brown, Marshall; F. McKinney, Tyler.

Members: H. W. Backstrom, A. Bell, M. C. Bolden, C. W. Brooks, R. E. Daniels, D. L. Davis, R. L. Davis, J. J. Eskridge, C. N. Gardiner, J. G. Granderson, K. J. Hernandez, A. Hilliard, D. Johnson, I. W. Jones, J. ordan, J. Kidd, J. A. Mason, R. Mason, L. V. Rainey, Cero F. Smith, G. Smith, I. L. Stogner, T. F. Thompson.

REPORT OF DISTRICT INSPECTOR No. 1

FRATERNAL GREETINGS

It is quite regrettable and very disappointing to me to inform you that I will not be able to attend the 96th Annual Grand Communication to be held at San Jose in the month of July. Having received an injury a few months ago is directly responsible for this situation.

Accepting my appointment as an Inspector representing District No. 1, permit me to express my deep appreciation to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother S. J. Hopkins, and to this August Body as a whole for the privilege of rendering a service to the Lodges of my assignments. I find this field of Masonic endeavor very interesting and deeply educational, because the interested Inspector is bound to prepare himself to teach the philosophy of Free Masonry in order to enlighten the Craft and gain the respect and admiration of his Brethren.

The course of my work as an Inspector brings me in close and constant contact with eight Lodges in Los Angeles, namely St. John (5), B. F. Talbot (8), Angel City (18), Delta (21), Garrison (45), Wm. Nickerson Jr. (55), Western Knights (56) and

T. A. Harris (69).

It is a source of pleasure to me to submit this report and to say to you that the Lodges mentioned above are working in perfect peace and harmony. Our young Brethren in the Lodge are anxious to learn as a result. Official visits from Grand Lodge Officers are anticipated with great interest, on such an occasion I think the entire meeting should be one of Masonic instruction and Fraternal enlightenment. I am making this observation because in all of my official visits except one, the first or second degree was conferred and in one instance the third degree was the principle order of business for the evening. This does not give the Inspector enough time to do justice to the Craft. The Worshipful Master however, rules and governs his Lodge. Knowing this to be a fact, the Inspector is willing to cooperate as a means of maintaining that Fraternal concord which is so necessary to development of our Institution.

I have answered all summons sent to me through the office of the most Worshipful Grand Master and work continuously in the interest of peace and harmony. T. A. SACHELL.

MOTION PICTURE COMMITTEE

The motion picture committee is doing a very good job in getting the picture of the present Lodge affairs which will evidently prove valuable as history in time to come.

Accompanying the films, Herbert Jenkins is a very fine narrator. He graphically describes the pictures shown in a Will Rodgers manner that never fails to interest one listening, but a laugh is always in the making.

It is very fine to review the affairs of the past and see oneself in action at some one of the Masonic functions.

These pictures are very interesting and can be had for the asking, all that is necessary is to pay the expenses of Brother Jenkins and he will come to any corner of our jurisdiction to give you a show you are bound to enjoy.

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Left — Grand Trustees, Portland Knights of Pythagoras; Appreciation Luncheon at Los Angeles; Dr. Stovall, Deputy G.M. Hunter and Grand Master Hopkins.

Right—Herbert Jenkins, Motion Picture Committee and Lecturer; 1948 Grand Officers; Station Wagon donated by Grand Lodge and new sign on Masonic Temple at Los Angeles.

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